

**REMARKS**

The principal purpose of this Preliminary Amendment is to eliminate multiply dependent claims and the fee associated therewith. Applicants reserve the right to reintroduce claims to cancelled subject matter.

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**In The Claims:**

**Please amend the claims as follows:**

1. (Amended) A transparent ~~Transparent~~ composition comprising, by weight, the total being 100%:

5 to 40% of an amorphous polyamide(B) which results ~~essentially~~ from the condensation:

either of at least one diamine, ~~chosen from cycloaliphatic diamines and aliphatic diamines~~ and of at least one diacid.

or of a cycloaliphatic  $\alpha,\omega$ -aminocarboxylic acid,

or of a combination of these two possibilities, and

optionally of at least one monomer chosen from a  $\alpha,\omega$ -aminocarboxylic acids acid or the ~~possible~~ corresponding lactam, a aliphatic ~~diacids~~ diacid and a aliphatic ~~diamines~~ diamine,

0 to 40% of a supple polyamide (C) chosen from copolymers containing polyamide blocks, and polyether blocks, and copolyamides,

0 to 20% of a compatabilizer (D) for (A) and (B),

0 to 40% of a supple modifier (M),

with the condition that (C) + (D) + (M) is between 0 and 50%,

the remainder to 100% being a semi-crystalline polyamide (A).

2. (Amended) The composition ~~Composition~~ according to Claim 1, wherein ~~in which~~ (A) is derived from the condensation of a lactam containing at least 9 carbon atoms, an  $\alpha,\omega$ -aminocarboxylic acid containing at least 9 carbon atoms or a diamine and a diacid wherein ~~such that~~ the diamine or the diacid contains ~~contain~~ at least 9 carbon atoms.

3. (Amended) The composition ~~Composition~~ according to Claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein ~~in which~~ (A) is PA-11 or PA-12.

4. (Amended) The composition ~~Composition~~ according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein ~~in which~~ (A) is an equilibrated polyamide.

5. (Amended) The composition ~~Composition~~ according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 23, in which ~~wherein~~ the cycloaliphatic diamine of the amorphous polyamide (B) is isophoronediamine.

6. (Amended) The composition ~~Composition~~ according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, in which ~~comprising~~ (C) and ~~wherein~~ (C) is a copolymer containing polyamide blocks and polyether blocks.

7. (Amended) The composition ~~Composition~~ according to Claim 6, ~~wherein in which~~ the copolymer containing polyamide blocks and polyether blocks ~~consists of~~ are PA-6 or PA-12 blocks and the polyether blocks PTMG are polytetramethylene glycol (PTMG) blocks.

8. (Amended) The composition ~~Composition~~ according to ~~any one of Claims~~ Claim 1 to 5 ~~comprising (C) and wherein, in which~~ (C) is a copolyamide.

9. (Amended) The composition ~~Composition~~ according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1, wherein ~~in which~~ (A) is PA-12 and (D) is PA-11.

10. (Amended) The composition ~~Composition~~ according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1, comprising (D) and ~~wherein in which the compatibilizer~~ (D) is a catalysed polyamide.

11. (Amended) The composition ~~Composition~~ according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1, wherein ~~in which~~ (A) is PA-12 and (D) is catalysed PA-11.

12. (Amended) The composition ~~Composition~~ according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~ Claim 1, wherein ~~in which~~ the supple modifier (M) is ~~chosen from~~ comprises a ethylene-

polypropylene (EPR) ~~copolymers~~ copolymer, a EPDM ~~copolymers~~ copolymer grafted with maleic anhydride, or a ethylene/alkyl (meth) acrylate/maleic anhydride copolymer ~~copolymers~~ the latter ~~copolymers mixed with copolymers of ethylene and of an alkyl (meth) acrylate.~~

13. (Amended) The composition ~~Composition~~ according to Claim 1, wherein ~~any one of Claims 1 to 12, in which~~ the proportions of the constituents are:  
~~as follows (the total being 100%):~~

the difference to 100% of (A),  
20 to 30% of (B),  
0 to 40% of (C),  
0 to 20% of (D),  
0 to 40% of (M),  
(C) + (D) + (M) being between 0 and 50%.

14. (Amended) The composition ~~Composition~~ according to ~~any one of Claims~~ Claim 1 to 12,  
~~in which~~ wherein the proportions of the constituents are ~~as follows (the total being 100%):~~

the difference to 100% of (A),  
5 to 40% of (B),  
0 to 30% of (C),  
0 to 20% of (D),  
0 to 30% of (M),  
(C) + (D) + (M) being between 0 and 30%.

15. (Amended) The composition ~~Composition~~ according to ~~any one of Claims~~ Claim 1 to 12,  
wherein ~~in which~~ the proportions of the constituents are ~~as follows (the total being 100%):~~

the difference to 100% of (A),  
10 to 30% of (B),  
0 to 30% of (C),  
0 to 20% of (D),

0 to 30% of (M),  
(C) + (D) + (M) being between 0 and 30%.

16. (Amended) The composition ~~Composition~~ according to ~~any one of Claims Claim 1 to 12,~~  
~~in which wherein~~ the proportions of the constituents are as follows (the total being 100%):

the difference of 100% of (A),  
20 to 30% of (B),  
0 to 30% of (C),  
0 to 20% of (D),  
0 to 30% of (M),  
(C) + (D) + (M) being between 0 and 30%.

17. (Amended) The composition ~~Composition~~ according to ~~any one of Claims Claim 1 to 12,~~  
~~in which wherein~~ the proportions of the constituents are as follows (the total being 100%):

the difference to 100% of (A),  
10 to 30% of (B),  
0 to 20% of (C),  
0 to 20% of (D),  
0 to 20% of (M),  
(C) + (D) + (M) being between 0 and 20%.

18. (Amended) The composition ~~Composition~~ according to ~~any one of Claims Claim 1 to 12,~~  
~~in which wherein~~ the proportions of the constituents are as follows (the total being 100%):

the difference to 100% of (A),  
10 to 30% of (B),  
0 to 15% of (C),  
0 to 15% of (D),  
0 to 15% of (M),  
(C) + (D) + (M) being between 0 to 15%.

19. (Amended) The composition ~~Composition~~ according to any one of Claims Claim 1 to 12,  
~~in which wherein~~ the proportions of the constituents are as follows ~~(the total being 100%)~~:

the difference to 100% of (A),  
20 to 30% of (B),  
0 to 20% of (C),  
0 to 20% of (D),  
0 to 20% of (M),  
(C) + (D) + (M) being between 0 and 20%.

20. (Amended) The composition ~~Composition~~ according to any one of Claims Claim 1 to 12,  
~~in which wherein~~ the proportions of the constituents are as follows ~~(the total being 100%)~~:

the difference to 100% of (A),  
2 to 30% of (B),  
0 to 15% of (C),  
0 to 15% of (D),  
0 to 15% of (M),  
(C) + (D) + (M) being 0 and 15%.

21. (Amended) An article ~~Articles consisting of a composition according to any one of the  
preceding claims, such as plates, films, sheets, tubes or profiles, the articles obtained produced by  
injecting molding moulding and in particular the films and sheets which are then bonded to skis a  
composition according to claim 1.~~

22. (Amended) The article ~~Articles~~ according to Claim 21, wherein said article is ~~which are~~ decorated, ~~for example~~ by sublimation, and coated with a transparent protective layer consisting of ~~the composition according to any one of Clams 1 to 20.~~

- with the condition that (C)+(D)+(M) is between 0 and 50%,
- the remainder to 100% being a semi-crystalline polyamide (A).

The invention also relates to the articles obtained, such as plates, films, sheets, tubes and profiles, the articles obtained by injection moulding and in particular the films and sheets which are then bonded to skis.

The invention also relates to the above articles decorated, for example, by sublimation, and coated with a transparent protective layer consisting of the composition of the invention.

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